

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To provide a system which is capable of automatically selecting an optimum function from a plurality of connected AV apparatus and of constructing an optimum utilization. An audio-video managing system comprises a plurality of audio-video apparatus ("AV apparatus") and a managing apparatus which is connected with said plurality of AV apparatus. The managing apparatus comprises means for receiving AV apparatus information including information on functions of said AV apparatus and ranks of said functions, which is transmitted from said plurality of AV apparatus and for detecting duplicated functions existing among said plurality of AV apparatus, and means for determining allocation so that the duplicated function is allocated to the AV apparatus having a highest rank and optimum functions are allocated to each of said plurality of AV apparatus based upon the rank information of said function when presence of duplicated functions among said plurality of AV apparatus functions is detected.